



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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STRAINS OF HIV-1

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants submit the following remarks for entry in the above-identified case.

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